

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of Jews by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945; and
- WHEREAS,** while Jews were the primary victims, gypsies, the handicapped, the Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, and many others also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and
- WHEREAS,** reading about the history and the personal accounts of survivors of the Holocaust reminds us to reflect on the responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments in the face of great injustice; and
- WHEREAS,** annual Days of Remembrance provide an opportunity to remember the victims of the Holocaust while reflecting on the need for respect of all people; and
- WHEREAS,** with the theme, "Children in Crisis: Voices from the Holocaust," the 2007 Days of Remembrance call attention to the importance of reading the stories of the Holocaust, recognizing the dangers that exist in the world today, and understanding that only through silence and inaction can evil prevail.

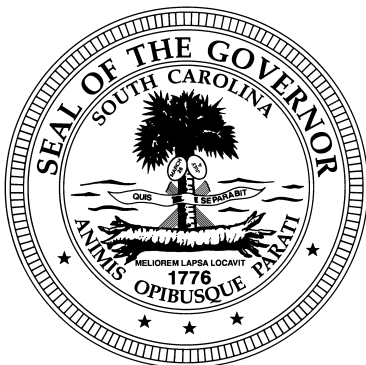
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 15 - 22, 2007, as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

and April 11 - May 11, 2007, as

SOUTH CAROLINA READS ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember the victims and honor the survivors of the Holocaust, as well as their liberators, while working to overcome the intolerance and inhumanity that continue to exist in the world today.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA